

REMARKS

The Official Action mailed August 31, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed herewith is a *Request for One Month Extension of Time*. Also, filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Continued Examination*. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 3, 1999; February 29, 2000; October 25, 2000; October 31, 2000; September 7, 2001; November 30, 2001; March 7, 2002; May 6, 2001; November 8, 2002; July 7, 2003; December 4, 2003; and July 26, 2004. A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-68 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. Claims 52-65 have been canceled, claims 1-49 and 66 have been amended to better recite the features of the present invention. Accordingly, claims 1-51 and 66-68 are now pending in the present application, of which claims 1-48 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

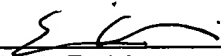
Paragraph 4 of the Official Action rejects claims 1-68 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,023,308 to Takemura, in view of U.S. Patent 5,194,974 to Hamada. In response, a Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to obviate the double patenting rejection. Favorable reconsideration is requested in view thereof.

With respect to paragraph 6 of the Official Action, applicant understands that the claims of the subject application have not been narrowly construed to be limited to only a liquid crystal display (LCD) device. Applicant has amended each independent claim to be broadly directed to an active matrix display device, which includes other display devices such as an EL display device. In a telephone conference with the Examiner on November 15, 2004, it was understood that the comments in paragraph 6 of the Official

Action were intended only to support the double patenting rejection based on U.S. Patent 6,023,308 and not to limit the claimed subject matter. It is respectfully submitted that the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claims for examination purposes includes any active matrix display device, including an EL display device, and it is understood that such interpretation has been given to the claims during examination. See generally Liebel-Flarsheim Co. and Mallinckrodt Inc., v. Medrad, Inc., 358 F.3d 898 (Fed. Cir. 2004).

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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